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U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry walks in the garden of Coburg where closed-door nuclear talks with Iran take place in Vienna, Austria, Sunday July 12, 2015.  
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## Diplomats: Iran announcement planned for Monday

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MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press

**VIENNA (AP)** — Negotiators at the Iran nuclear talks plan to announce Monday that they've reached a historic deal capping nearly a decade of diplomacy that would curb the country's atomic program in return for sanctions relief, two diplomats told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The envoys said a provisional agreement may be reached even earlier — by late Sunday. But they cautioned that final details of the pact were still being worked out. Once it is complete, a formal, final agreement would be open to review by officials in the capitals of Iran and the six world powers at the talks, they said.

Senior U.S. and Iranian officials suggested, however, there might not be enough time to reach a deal by the end of Sunday and that the drafting of documents could bleed into Monday. All of the officials, who are at the talks in Vienna, demanded anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the negotiations publicly.

"We are working hard, but

that the agreement will run roughly 100 pages.

The senior U.S. official declined to speculate as to the timing of any agreement or announcement but said "major issues remain to be resolved."

Despite the caution, the negotiators appeared to be on the cusp of an agreement.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who on Thursday had threatened to walk away from the negotiations, said Sunday that "a few tough things" remain in the way but added "we're getting to some real decisions."

En route to Mass at Vienna's gothic St. Stephens Cathedral, Kerry said twice he was "hopeful" after a "very good meeting" Saturday with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who had Muslim services Friday. The two met again early Saturday evening.

In Iran, President Hassan Rouhani said an agreement was close, but not quite done, describing the negotiations as "still steps away from reaching the intended peak."

In another sign that a deal could soon be sealed, Russian news agencies re-



**Head of the Iranian Atomic Energy Organization Ali Akbar Salehi, left, and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohamad Javad Zarif, wave to journalist from a balcony of the Palais Coburg where closed-door nuclear talks with Iran take place in Vienna, Austria.**

a deal tonight is simply logically impossible," the Iranian official said, noting

ported that Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov had arrived in Vienna. Chinese

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ministers of the six nations negotiating with Iran already are in the Austrian capital and in position to join Kerry and Zarif for an announcement.

Despite Kerry's relatively upbeat take, comments by Iran's supreme leader suggested that Tehran's mistrust of Washington would persist no matter what the outcome of the talks.

Iran's state-run Press TV cited Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Saturday as calling the U.S. an "excellent example of arrogance."

It said Khamenei told university students in Tehran to be "prepared to continue the struggle against arrogant powers." His comments appeared to be a blow to U.S. hopes that an agreement will lead to improved bilateral relations that could translate into increased cooperation in a common cause — the

fight against Islamic State radicals.

Zarif had hinted at just that last week, suggesting a deal acceptable to his country will open the door to joint efforts on that front. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a fierce opponent of what he considers a deal that is too lenient on Tehran, said Khamenei's comments showed that Western powers are "caving" in to Iran even as the Islamic republic keeps railing against them.

A nuclear deal will also face serious scrutiny from members of U.S. Congress.

"This is going to be a very hard sell for the administration," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said on "Fox News Sunday" when asked about the likelihood of Congress signing off on a deal. □

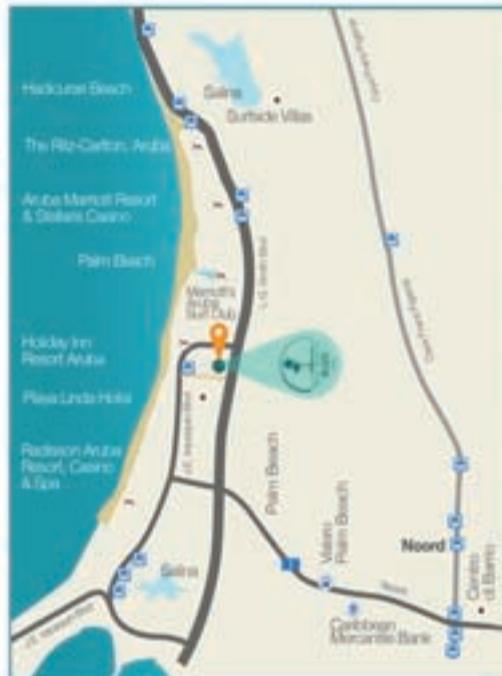
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## AP Discussion:

### The Confederate flag is down, but what happens now?

JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press

Legions of people clapped, cheered and cried as South Carolina lowered the Confederate battle flag. But the euphoria of a moment that was more than a decade in the making quickly began to shift to a hard question to answer: What exactly had been accomplished for race relations in the United States? Was it more symbolic than substantive?

A flag is gone. But discrimination, poverty and inequality still exist around the country, with some wondering if the time and energy spent on the Confederate battle flag might have been better used tackling other racial issues facing Americans.

"It was easy to focus on the flag, as opposed to the issues that have divided blacks and whites historically," said Carol Swain, a law and political science professor at Vanderbilt University.

But a symbolic victory is



People cheer as an honor guard from the South Carolina Highway patrol removes the Confederate battle flag from the Capitol grounds Friday, July 10, 2015, in Columbia, S.C.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

still a victory, others argued, with this one meaning more than most — that the feelings of a minority population perpetually outvoted and not always considered in the South had finally been acknowledged. The abrupt shift in political willingness to take down the flag from the Statehouse grounds came just weeks after nine black people — including a re-

vered minister and state legislator — were shot to death during Bible study at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston; photos of the white man charged with their slayings showed him displaying the Confederate flag and authorities have described the slayings as a hate crime.

In the years before, it was viewed as political suicide

to push to remove the flag from the Statehouse grounds.

Former governors David Beasley of South Carolina and Roy Barnes of Georgia were voted out of office over the issue. Beasley had proposed relocating the flag from the Statehouse to a monument. Barnes had introduced a new state flag to reduce the size of the Confederate battle symbol emblazoned on it.

Elsie Lee, a retired South Carolina state employee, thought about what her parents went through in the South as the Confederate flag, which has been adopted by segregationists and white supremacists over the years, slowly came down from a flagpole in front of the state capitol.

"This is the most important thing happening in this country," said Lee, who lived through the civil rights struggles of the 1960s. "You just see everybody coming together. ... I wish that my parents were here to see

this."

The ceremony on Friday when the flag was removed brought out a jubilant, hundreds-deep multiracial crowd. Some chanted "USA" and "hey, hey, hey, goodbye" as gray-dressed South Carolina troopers lowered the flag in a 6-minute ceremony. Jayme L. Bradford, 42, a journalism professor at Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina, watched it come down and said now that it's gone, race relations may get better.

Still, no one is naive enough to believe that taking down the Confederate flag from South Carolina's Statehouse grounds will magically end racism or discrimination in South Carolina or other Southern states, said Trent Brown, a Mississippi native and America Studies professor at Missouri University of Science and Technology. There are still discussions about policing and voting rights to be had, he said. □

## US soldiers opposed to war now find Canada less hospitable



In this 2006 photo, Army Sgt. Patrick Hart poses for a photo in Toronto. In 2006 Hart had deserted the Army and was living as a "war resister" in Canada. Since then, he turned himself in to the U.S. Army, was convicted of desertion and served time in a military prison.

(AP Photo/Harry Rosettani)

**CAROLYN THOMPSON**  
Associated Press

**BUFFALO, New York (AP)**

— When Army Sgt. Patrick Hart decided a decade ago that he would not serve in the war in Iraq, he expected to follow the same path as thousands of American war resisters during the Vietnam era and take refuge across the border.

But after five years of wrangling with the Canadian immigration system, he came back to the U.S. — and ended up in a military prison.

The country that once welcomed war resisters has developed a much different reputation during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan: Supporters say no U.S. soldier who has sought legal residence in Canada, either as a refugee or on humanitarian grounds, has been successful.

"Nobody's won," said Hart, a Buffalo native who exhausted his legal options then turned himself in to the U.S. Army, was court-martialed for desertion and sentenced to two years in prison.

There are an estimated two dozen U.S. military members still waiting out their fate in Canada, and the resisters' movement is seen as nearing a crossroads. With a national election three months away, supporters

are hopeful for a Liberal Party victory and more sympathetic stance toward American military exiles, but bracing for the possibility Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper wins re-election. Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau has not committed to letting the resisters stay, but many are buoyed by his family history. It was his father, Pierre Trudeau, who while prime minister during the Vietnam War said Canada should be "a refuge from militarism."

"Why not do it again? It's only a couple of dozen people," said Michelle Robidoux, spokeswoman for the War Resisters Support Campaign in Toronto, which has been lobbying members of Parliament. After a flurry early on, between 2004 and 2006, it's been at least four years since any known residency requests have been filed, Robidoux said.

Besides Hart, at least three other soldiers who were deported or left Canada have been sent to prison: Pfc. Kim Rivera, a mother of five, was sentenced in 2013 to 10 months; Spc. Clifford Cornell of Mountain Home, Arkansas, received a one-year term in 2009, and Pfc. Robin Long of Boise, Idaho, was sentenced in 2008 to 15 months.

Some deserters face court-martial but the majority

are discharged on less-than-honorable terms. Army officials said more than 20,000 soldiers have deserted since 2006. Canada's immigration laws have tightened since the Vietnam War, the support campaign said, giving U.S. soldiers few options other than to try for refugee status based on the fear of persecution if made to go home. Government guidance issued to immigration officers in 2010 requires them to consult supervisors on U.S. military cases and spells out that desertion is a crime that may render those who've left the military as criminally inadmissible to Canada.

"Military deserters from the United States are not genuine refugees under the internationally accepted

meaning of the term," Citizenship and Immigration Canada spokeswoman Nancy Caron said in an emailed statement. "These unfounded claims clog up our system for genuine refugees who are actually fleeing persecution." It's a strikingly different stance from what Bruce Beyer saw when he found a safe haven in Canada and spent five years there after refusing induction into the Army during the Vietnam War. "The word is definitely out in the anti-war community that going to Canada is not beneficial," said Beyer, of Buffalo, who returned to the United States in 1977 and has publicly supported the current resisters.

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump finishes up speaking before a crowd of 3,500 Saturday, July 11, 2015, in Phoenix. (AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)

## Trump criticizes border, trade policy

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Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump criticized U.S. immigration and trade policies on Saturday in speeches that veered from accusing Mexico of deliberately sending criminals across the border to professing respect for the Mexican government and love for its people.

Speaking to a gathering of Libertarians in Las Vegas before headlining an event in Phoenix, Trump repeated his charge that Mexico was sending violent offenders to the U.S. to harm Americans and that U.S. officials were being "dumb" in dealing with immigrants in the country illegally.

"These people wreak havoc on our population," he told a few thousand people attending the Libertarian gathering FreedomFest inside a Planet Hollywood ballroom on the Las Vegas Strip.

In the 4,200-capacity

Phoenix convention center packed with flag-waving supporters, Trump took a different view — for a moment — and said: "I love the Mexican people. I love 'em. Many, many people from Mexico are legal. They came in the old-fashioned way. Legally."

He quickly returned to the sharp tone that has brought him scorn as well as praise. "I respect Mexico greatly as a country. But the problem we have is their leaders are much sharper than ours, and they're killing us at the border and they're killing us on trade."

His speeches in both venues were long on insults aimed at critics and short on solutions to the problems he cited. When he called for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, the audience in Las Vegas groaned.

In a break from the immigration rhetoric that has garnered him condemnation and praise, Trump asserted that he would have more positive results

in dealing with China and Russia if he were president and said he could be pals with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Asked by an audience member in Las Vegas about U.S.-Russia relations, Trump said the problem is that Putin doesn't respect Obama.

"I think we would get along very, very well," he said. Trump has turned to victims of crime to bolster his argument that immigrants in the U.S. illegally have killed and raped. In Las Vegas and Phoenix, he brought on stage Jamiel Shaw Sr., a Southern California man whose 17-year-old son was shot and killed in 2008 by a man in the country illegally. Shaw vividly described how his son was shot — in the head, stomach and hands while trying to block his face — and how he heard the gunshots as he talked to his son on the phone.

Shaw said he trusted Trump, and encouraged the crowds in both cities to do the same. □

## Whataburger takes a stand against Texas' new gun law

SETH ROBBINS

Associated Press

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — An iconic Texas restaurant chain will not allow the open carrying of guns on its properties, and industry experts say other restaurants will likely take the same stand against a new state law legalizing the practice in many public places.

Whataburger — with some 780 locations in 10 states — has drawn a mix of praise and criticism since making the announcement this month, including a prediction of boycotts from one of the state's leading advocates for gun rights.

In an open letter on the company's website, Whataburger president and CEO Preston Atkinson said many employees and customers are "uncomfortable being around someone with a visible firearm." He described himself as an avid hunter with a concealed-carry license and noted that patrons licensed to carry concealed handguns will still be able to do so in Whataburger.

Atkinson's letter comes one month after Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed a bill that made it legal to carry handguns openly on the streets of the second most-populous U.S. state, ending a prohibition dating back to the post-Civil War era that disarmed former Confederate soldiers and freed slaves.

The law, which gives private property owners the right to prohibit open carry, was hailed as a victory for gun rights advocates who have staged high-profile rallies at the Alamo and Texas Capitol over the past couple of years. Some even brought military-style assault rifles into businesses as part of their demonstrations, prompting the Chipotle restaurant chain to discourage firearms on their premises.

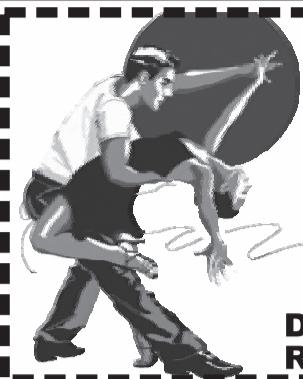
Whataburger's decision is expected to pave the way for other restaurants to enact similar policies that will further limit where gun owners can openly carry their firearms when the law takes effect in January.

Texas Restaurant Association CEO Richie Jackson said he wasn't surprised by Whataburger's advance announcement, noting that "gun rights do not trump property rights" under the new law.

"It can't be kept a secret," he said. "Given the number of units that they have in Texas, they just wanted to make it very clear as to where they were going to be, and I would expect to see a number of restaurants follow."

But Open Carry Texas founder C.J. Grisham said Whataburger's policy was "premature and irresponsible," and that the restaurant caved to "fear mongering."

"I think most gun owners that know this policy are simply not going to go to Whataburger, like me," he said. The group Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America put out a statement applauding Whataburger's actions. The organization has successfully petitioned other chains, including Sonic and Chili's Grill & Bar, to adopt similar policies. □



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## Massive debris removal project to get underway in Alaska

BECKY BOHRER

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A massive cleanup effort is getting underway in Alaska, with tons of marine debris — some likely sent to sea by the 2011 tsunami in Japan — set to be airlifted from rocky beaches and taken by barge for recycling and disposal in the Pacific Northwest.

Hundreds of heavy-duty bags of debris, collected in 2013 and 2014 and stockpiled at a storage site in Kodiak, also will be shipped out. The barge is scheduled to arrive in Kodiak by Thursday, before setting off on a roughly one-month journey. The scope of the project, a year in the making, is virtually unheard of in Alaska. It was spurred, in part, by the mass of material that's washed ashore — things like buoys, fishing lines, plastics and fuel drums — and the high cost of shuttling small boatloads of debris from remote sites to port, said Chris Pallister, president of the cleanup organization Gulf of Alaska Keeper, which is coordinating the effort.

The Anchorage landfill also began requiring that fishing nets and lines — common debris items — be

chopped up, a task called impossible by state tsunami marine debris coordinator Janna Stewart.

Pallister estimates the cost

in British Columbia will be able to add debris to the barge as it passes through, chipping in if they do. Pallister's group has commit-

Kayak and the Montague islands in Prince William Sound, for example, get there by boat and sleep onboard. The need to keep

bears.

While relatively few people visit these sites, it's important to clean them, Stewart said. Foam disintegrates, which can seep into salmon streams or be ingested by birds, she said. There's concern, too, with the impact of broken-down plastic on marine life.

What's not picked up can get swept back out, she said. Alaska has more coastline than any other U.S. state. And Alaska cleanup operations often are expensive and dangerous, said Nikolai Maximenko, a senior researcher at the Hawaii-based International Pacific Research Center. "Even without the tsunami, Alaska is well-known for being polluted with all these buoys and other stuff from fisheries activity and from other human activities," he said.

It can be hard to definitively distinguish tsunami debris from the run-of-the-mill rubbish that has long fouled shorelines unless there are identifiable markings. But Pallister and others say the type and volume of debris that has washed up in Alaska is different since the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, which killed thousands in Japan. □



In this undated photo provided by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, debris litters the shore on Montague Island, Alaska. A massive cleanup effort is getting underway in Alaska, with tons of marine debris, some likely sent to sea by the 2011 tsunami in Japan, set to be airlifted from rocky beaches and taken by barge for recycling and disposal in the Pacific Northwest.

(Alaska DEC via AP)

of the barge project at up to \$1.3 million, with the state contributing \$900,000 from its share of the \$5 million that Japan provided for parts of the U.S. affected by tsunami debris. Crews

ted \$100,000. Delays due to weather could drive up costs, which Pallister said is a concern.

Many of the project sites are remote and rugged. Crews working at sites like

moving down the shoreline as cleanup progresses, combined with terrain littered with boulders and logs, makes it tough to set up a camp, Pallister said. There's also the issue of



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## Greece faces pressure to back deal or consider leaving euro

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and skeptical European leaders negotiated past a self-imposed deadline into the early hours of Monday, with talks stuck on how Greece would guarantee austerity measures in exchange for a rescue package to prevent its banks from collapsing.

If the talks don't succeed, some of Greece's euro-zone partners warned, the country could be temporarily forced out of the euro, the European single

currency that Greece has been a part of since 2002. No country has ever left the joint currency, which launched in 1999, and there is no mechanism in place for one to do so. It wasn't entirely clear what a temporary exit would entail, but the threat put intense pressure on Tsipras to swallow politically unpalatable austerity measures, as his people overwhelmingly want to stay in the euro-zone.

The leaders are discussing Greece's request for a three-year, 53.5 billion-euro (\$59.5 billion) financial package. But other lead-



Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, left, speaks with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, center, and French President Francois Hollande during a meeting of eurozone heads of state at the EU Council building in Brussels on Sunday, July 12, 2015. Skeptical European creditors raced Sunday to narrow differences both among themselves and with Athens, aiming to come up with a tentative agreement to stave off an immediate financial collapse in Greece that would reverberate across the continent.

(AP Photo/Geert Vanden Wijngaert)

ers in Brussels say Greece needs even more than that, and are demanding tough austerity measures in exchange. It would be Greece's third bailout in five years.

Several officials, all of whom spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the negotiations while they were ongoing, said the terms of the austerity package and the timing of its implementation remained serious obstacles.

One of them said the main difference centered on when the European Central Bank could start to increase its emergency liquidity assistance to Greek banks. Greece shut the teetering banks two weeks ago and has limited the amount people can withdraw from their accounts. Without more liquidity from

the ECB, the banks can't reopen without collapsing. Tsipras wants the ECB to help the banks as early as Monday, the official said, but creditors don't want the ECB to act until the Greek Parliament passes certain austerity measures. Even if the banks reopen, it's possible that they could run out of cash even for cash-machine withdrawals this week.

Another of the officials said sticking points included a proposal for Greece to transfer billions of euros worth of state assets to an independent fund in Luxembourg under European supervision. The Greek government is loath to do so. The 19 leaders of the eurozone countries went into talks Sunday at mid-afternoon and vowed not to emerge without something concrete. They were presented with a set of pro-

posals from the eurozone's top official, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who said the sides have "come a long way" in two days of talks among finance ministers.

The deal on the table appeared to include commitments from Tsipras to push a drastic austerity program including pension, market and privatization reforms through parliament by Wednesday, and from the 18 other eurozone leaders to start talks on a new bailout program.

A four-page discussion paper put to eurozone leaders and obtained by The Associated Press spoke of a potential "time-out from the euro area" for Greece if no agreement could be found.

It highlighted the increasing frustration of European leaders during five months of fruitless talks with Greece. □

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## Libyan parties reach peace deal without Tripoli government



U.N. envoy to Libya, Bernardino Leon, left, signs the document on a new version of a U.N.-brokered peace deal as Morocco's Foreign Minister Salaheddine Mezouar applauds after Libyan political leaders agreed, at the Palais des Congres of Skhirat in Rabat, Morocco.

(AP Photo/Abdeljalil Bounhar)

**A. BOUNHAR****R. MUSA****Associated Press****SKHIRAT, Morocco (AP)**

— Libyan political leaders reached a new version of a U.N.-brokered peace deal this weekend, putting pressure on the Tripoli leadership to sign on and build a unity government in

hopes of ending the country's chaos.

The Tripoli government took part in earlier stages of talks but refused to participate in the latest discussions in the Moroccan city of Skhirat. Members of Libya's internationally recognized parliament and local and regional leaders

initiated the agreement, brokered by U.N. envoy Bernardino Leon.

Negotiators plan to meet again after the Ramadan holiday to work on forming an interim government and finalizing a power-sharing agreement — with or without the Tripoli holdouts.

Libya has been split for nearly a year between an elected parliament in the country's far east and an Islamist-led government backed by militias that seized the capital. Lacking central authority, the country has seen mounting extremist activity, including by the Islamic State group and al-Qaida-linked militants, and become a haven for migrant trafficking. Leon said the door remained open for the Tripoli government to join the accord. Morocco's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Saturday that the main sticking points were over which parties would run which institutions.

Abdul Gader Alhowailly of the Tripoli government said his GNC party met last week and voted

against the draft, asking for amendments.

The U.N. envoy said in a statement that members of militias would be integrated into civilian and military government institutions, and offered job opportunities 'for a decent life according to a clear plan and timetable.'

The statement promised the full commitment of international community to ensure it is carried out and that it "brings Libya back to the democratic path."

Many accuse Western countries of contributing to Libya's turmoil by not offering more support after a NATO-led bombing campaign ousted authoritarian leader Moammar Gadhafi in 2011, as Arab Spring uprisings swept through the region. □

**Iraqi officials:****Bombings across Baghdad kill 29, wound 81****Q. ABDUL-ZAHRA****Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — A series of bombings Sunday across the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, killed at least 29 people and wounded 81, police officials said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks. However, the Islamic State militant group is often behind assaults on checkpoints and other locations across the capital as it seeks to challenge Iraqi security forces and Iraq's Shiite-led gov-

ernment amid intensifying battles in northern and western Iraq.

The deadliest attack on Sunday took place in the northern Shaab neighborhood when a man wearing an explosive vest detonated himself in a crowded market, killing nine people and wounding 25.

Earlier Sunday, in Baghdad's Khazimiyah district, a suicide car bombing attacked the Aden checkpoint killing eight people, including five civilians, and wounding 23.

Also in the Banook district, six people were killed and 15 injured in a car bombing, police said.

In Baghdad's al-Askan district, a car bomb killed at least four people and wounded 11 on a commercial street as people gathered after sunset to break their daily fast for the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Police also said a roadside bomb on a commercial street in Baghdad's al-Amal neighborhood killed two people and wounded seven. □

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## Car bombing kills 17 civilians near US base in Afghanistan



Afghan security forces inspect the site of a suicide attack after clashes with Taliban fighters in Kabul, Afghanistan. A suicide car bombing near a U.S. military base in eastern Afghanistan that once hosted CIA employees killed at least 17 civilians Sunday, local officials said.

(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

**RAHIM FAIEZ**

Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**

— A suicide car bombing near a U.S. military base in eastern Afghanistan that once hosted CIA employ-

ees killed at least 17 civilians Sunday, local officials said, the latest insurgent attack after foreign forces ended their combat mission there. The bombing hit a check-

point manned by members of the Khost Provincial Force, an Afghan unit that guards Camp Chapman for the American forces there, said Youqib Khan, the deputy police chief in

Khost province. It wasn't immediately clear whether the bomber was trying to get onto the base or what led up to his attack, Khan said.

A local hospital received the bodies of at least 17 Afghan civilians, most women and children, said Dr. Hedayatullah Hamedi, the province's health director. He said the blast wounded six civilians, two of whom were in critical condition Sunday night, and that the death toll could rise.

"The explosion was so loud and strong that almost all of the city of Khost was shaken by the blast," provincial police chief Gen. Faizullah Ghyrat said.

The suicide bomber carried out his attack when many civilian vehicles were waiting to pass by on a main road, said an Afghan police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to discuss the attack. He

said the women and children killed and wounded in the attack were in vehicles waiting for their turn to pass.

Foreign and Afghan forces blocked journalists and police from accessing the site after the blast. Pentagon officials referred comment to NATO authorities in Afghanistan. In a statement, NATO said "no U.S. or coalition personnel were injured as a result of the attack," without elaborating.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast in the city of Khost, near Afghanistan's eastern border with Pakistan. Since U.S. and NATO troops ended their combat mission at the end of last year, local troops have been taking the brunt of attacks by the Taliban and other insurgent groups.

Camp Chapman, named after the first U.S. soldier killed in combat in the war in Afghanistan, sits near Forward Operating Base Salerno, a large Soviet-built airfield that was targeted by a Taliban truck bombing in June 2012.

Camp Chapman was the site where seven CIA employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer were killed in a Pakistani Taliban suicide bombing in December 2009. Six more agency personnel were wounded in what was considered the most lethal attack for the CIA since the war in Afghanistan began in 2001 and possibly even since the 1983 embassy bombing in Beirut. It's not clear whether the CIA still operates out of Camp Chapman.

Meanwhile Sunday, Afghan security officials said a pair of roadside bombings killed at least 12 civilians in the country's east and north. □

### China:

## Uighurs deported from Thailand want to join jihad

**BEIJING (AP)** — China's government has alleged that more than 100 minority Muslim Uighurs who were sent back by Thailand after fleeing China were on their way to fight in the Middle East and that some were implicated in terrorist activities at home.

Thailand has been harshly criticized by the U.N., the European Union and human rights groups for repatriating the 109 Uighurs back to China,

where activists say they face persecution, instead of sending them to Turkey, which has accepted other Uighurs.

The Uighurs (pronounced WEE-gurs), a Turkic-speaking Muslim minority in China's far western region of

Xinjiang, have complained of harsh cultural and religious suppression as well as economic marginalization under Chinese rule.

Beijing has accused Uighur separatists of terrorism in Xinjiang, where ethnic violence has left hundreds of people dead.

China's official Xinhua News Agency, citing the Ministry of Public Security, said late Saturday that the 109 "illegal immigrants" had been on their way "to join jihad" in Turkey, Syria or Iraq, and that 13 of them had fled China after being implicated in terrorist activities. Another two had escaped detention, according to Xinhua.

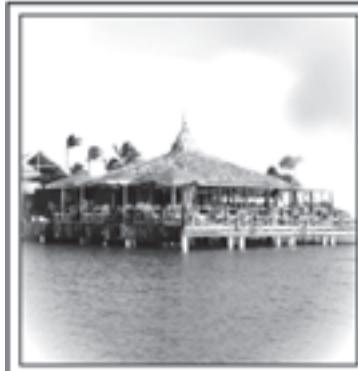
The report also claimed that a Chinese police in-

vestigation had uncovered several gangs recruiting people for jihad, and that Turkish diplomats in some Southeast Asian countries had facilitated the illegal movement of people.

The Uighurs were detained in Thailand more than a year ago, but claimed to be Turkish. A group of 173 were sent to Turkey after Thai authorities said they determined they were indeed Turkish, but the 109 were found to be Chinese, according to Thai deputy government spokesman Maj. Gen. Verachon Sukhonthapatipak. Another eight arrived from Thailand to Turkey on Saturday and 52 remaining Uighurs would be sent back to their country once their

nationalities were verified, Verachon said Saturday. Xinhua said that many of the 109 Uighurs had been radicalized by materials sent by the exiled World Uyghur Congress, a Munich, Germany-based rights group for the ethnic minority, and the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, designated by China as a terrorist organization.

In response to the report, Dilxat Raxit, World Uyghur Congress spokesman, said Sunday that China was "shirking responsibility for Uighurs fleeing because of its policy of suppression. The so-called radicals are those who hope to flee China and live a stable and dignified life in a safe and free country." □



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## Pope visits Paraguay slum, calls church to welcome sick



Pope Francis attends a meeting with the young in Asuncion, Paraguay, Sunday, July 12, 2015. Francis ended his South American pilgrimage with a huge Mass and words of hope and faith for young and old. But the political, anti-capitalist message he left behind may have a more lasting punch.

(AP Photo/Jorge Saenz)

**NICOLE WINFIELD**  
**PETER PRENGAMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)**

— Pope Francis put into practice his call for the world's poor and powerless to not be left on the margins of society by visiting a flood-prone slum Sunday and insisting that the Catholic Church be a place of welcome for all — sick and sinners especially. On the final day of his three-nation South American tour, Francis sought to offer a message of hope and mission to the residents of the Banado Norte shantytown and to an estimated 1 million people gathered for his farewell Mass on the same swampy field where St. John Paul II proclaimed Paraguay's first saint nearly 30 years ago.

"How much pain can be soothed, how much despair can be allayed in a place where we feel at home!" Francis said in outlining his vision of the church. "Welcoming the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the prisoner, the leper and the paralytic."

The stage for the Mass was

come from rural areas in the northeastern part of the country where farmland has been increasingly bought up by Brazilians and multi-national companies. Residents argue they should be given title to the land because they have worked to make it habitable with little help from the city.

"We built our neighborhoods piece by piece, we made them livable

despite the difficulties of the terrain, the rising of the river and despite public authorities who either ignored us or were hostile to us," resident Maria Garcia told the pope. Francis said he wanted to visit the neighborhood of shacks of plywood and corrugated metal to encourage the residents' faith despite the difficulties they encounter. In addition to the lack of services, heavy rains regu-

larly burst the Paraguay River banks and turn Banado Norte's dirt roads into impassable pools of mud. Francis said he wanted "to see your faces, your children, your elderly, and to hear about your experiences and everything you went through to be here, to have a dignified life and a roof over your heads, to endure the bad weather and the flooding of these last few weeks." □

a remarkable sight: A huge triptych with the pope's Jesuit IHS insignia over the central altar, flanked by images of his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, on one side and the founder of his Jesuit religious order, St. Ignatius Loyola, on the other. The entire structure, an ode to the important role Jesuit missionaries played in Paraguay, was a mosaic made out of 40,000 ears of corn, 200,000 coconuts, 1,000 squash gourds and many, many dried beans. Artist Koki Ruiz told The Associated Press earlier in the week that the scene was an "homage to the ancient Guarani aborigines who respected Mother Earth."

Francis has emphasized care for creation and its most oppressed people during his tour of Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay. He drew cheers when he arrived in Banado Norte on the banks of the River Paraguay on Sunday saying he couldn't have left Paraguay without visiting, "without being on YOUR land."

Many residents of Banado Norte are squatters on municipal land who have

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## Mexico:

### Drug lord 'El Chapo' Guzman escapes; manhunt begins

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mex-

Speaking during a previous-  
ly scheduled trip to France.  
"But I also have confidence  
in the institutions of the

A manhunt began imme-  
diately late Saturday for  
Guzman, whose cartel is  
believed to control most of

ing searched.

Guzman was last seen  
about 9 p.m. in the shower  
area of his cell, according  
to a statement from the  
National Security Commis-  
sion. After a time, he was  
lost by the prison's secu-  
rity camera surveillance  
network. Upon checking  
his cell, authorities found it  
empty and a 20-by-20-inch  
(50-by-50 centimeter) hole  
near the shower.

Guzman's escape is a ma-  
jor embarrassment to the  
Pena Nieto administration,  
which had received plau-  
dits for its aggressive ap-  
proach to top drug lords.  
Since the government took  
office in late 2012, Mexican  
authorities have nabbed or  
killed six of them, including  
Guzman.

Guzman faces multiple  
federal drug trafficking in-  
dictments in the U.S. as well  
as Mexico, and was on the  
U.S. Drug Enforcement Ad-  
ministration's most-wanted  
list.

After Guzman was arrested  
on Feb. 22, 2014, the U.S.  
said it would file an extrad-  
ition request, though it's not  
clear if that happened.

The Mexican government  
at the time vehemently de-  
nied the need to extradite  
Guzman, even as many  
expressed fears he would  
escape as he did in 2001  
while serving a 20-year sen-  
tence in the country's other  
top-security prison, Puente  
Grande, in the western  
state of Jalisco.

Former Mexican At-  
torney General Jesus Murillo  
Karam told the AP earlier  
this year that the U.S. would  
get Guzman in "about  
300 or 400 years" after he  
served time for all his crimes  
in Mexico.

He dismissed concerns that  
Guzman could escape a  
second time. □



**Mexican federal police guard near the Altiplano maximum security prison in Almoloya, west of Mexico City, Sunday, July 12, 2015. Mexico's most powerful drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, escaped from a maximum security prison through a tunnel that opened into the shower area of his cell, the country's top security official announced.**

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

ico mounted an all-out  
manhunt Sunday for its  
most powerful drug lord,  
Joaquin "El Chapo" Guz-  
man, who escaped from  
a maximum security prison  
through a 1.5-kilometer (1  
mile) tunnel from a small  
opening in the shower area  
of his cell, according to the  
country's top security official.

The elaborate under-  
ground escape route, built  
allegedly without the de-  
tection of authorities, al-  
lowed Guzman to do what  
Mexican officials promised  
would never happen after  
his re-capture last year —  
slip out of one of the coun-  
try's most secure peniten-  
tiaries for the second time.  
"This represents without  
a doubt an affront to the  
Mexican state," said Pres-  
ident Enrique Pena Nieto,

Mexican state ... that they  
have the strength and de-  
termination to recapture  
this criminal."

If Guzman is not caught im-  
mediately, the drug lord will  
likely be back in full com-  
mand and control of the  
Sinaloa Cartel in 48 hours,  
said Michael S. Vigil, a re-  
tired U.S. Drug Enforcement  
Administration chief of in-  
ternational operations.

"We may never find him  
again," he said. "All the ac-  
colades that Mexico has  
received in their counter-  
drug efforts will be erased  
by this one event."

Thirty employees from vari-  
ous part of the Altiplano  
prison, 55 miles (90 kilome-  
ters) west of Mexico City,  
have been taken in for  
questioning, according to  
the federal Attorney Gen-  
eral's Office.

the major crossing points  
for drugs at the U.S. border  
with Mexico.

Guatemala's Interior Min-  
istry said a special task force  
of police and soldiers were  
watching Mexico's south-  
ern border for any sign of  
fugitive drug lord.

To the north, U.S. Attorney  
General Loretta Lynch is-  
sued a statement offering  
"any assistance that may  
help support his swift re-  
capture."

Associated Press journal-  
ists near Altiplano saw the  
roads were being heavily  
patrolled by federal police,  
with numerous checkpoints  
and a Blackhawk helicopter  
flying overhead. Flights  
were also suspended at To-  
luca's international airport  
near the penitentiary in the  
State of Mexico, and civil  
aviation hangars were be-

## CARIBBEAN

### Conservationists: St Maarten site has illegal sea turtles

**PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten (AP)** — A conservation group in St. Maarten says a local Internet marketplace has illegally offered endangered sea turtle hatchlings. The Nature Foundation nonprofit says a "growing number of wild animals" are being advertised on local online sites. The group says it managed to intervene in the sea turtle sales over the weekend before the protected creatures were harmed. It wasn't immediately clear if police made any arrests. The conservation group distributed screenshots of what appear to be three leatherback hatchlings being offered for sale online. Racoons have been advertised locally in recent days. Group manager Tadzio Bervoets says it closely monitors the Internet marketplaces for illegal wildlife sales. □

### Watchdog group in Jamaica regains status as charity

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — Jamaica's most prominent human rights group has regained its longstanding status as a charity. Earlier this year, Jamaicans for Justice said it was forced to dramatically cut its operations and turn down grants after the government decided to reject its charity status. Chairman Barry Wade said the denial came due to concerns about the watchdog group's advocacy for legislative change, a reason he described as "puzzling" and "contrary to international norms." □

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## It's Always Time for Blue Drinks at MooMba for Courtney Chaffin!

**MOOMBA BEACH** - Courtney Chaffin is 23 years old; she has been coming to Aruba with her family since she was 16, always staying three weeks. Courtney loves to kitesurf, so she can be found on the azure ocean quite a few times. That may also be why she loves the blue drinks served at MooMba Beach, which she calls her 'home away from home'. Especially the Azul Caribe frozen drink is her favorite, but she also likes the new, exciting drinks that the bartenders whip up for her. "They are so creative," she says. "They personalize your drinks and make them how you like them."

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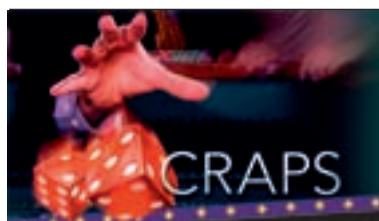
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Alfredo hails from Venezuela. He arrived here for a job with a construction company and transitioned later to hospitality. He started as a houseman in charge of public areas at Caribbean Palm Village Resort and enjoyed a number of promotions which landed him in the laundry in a supervisory role.

He experienced many changes over the years, he explains, becoming a Dutch citizen and marrying his wife Criselda, almost 18 years ago, but overall Alfredo reports loving his job, his colleagues and the guests on vacation. In turn, the resort has shown its appreciation to Alfredo's pa-



tience and commitment in the form of extra mile awards, and employee of the quarter awards. On the occasion of the Silver anniversary, management, board and staff of Caribbean Palm Village

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## SPORTS

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Jordan Spieth walks to the second hole fairway during the final round of the John Deere Classic golf tournament Sunday, July 12, 2015, in Silvis, Ill.

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**Spieth beats Gillis in playoff, wins John Deere Classic**

LUKE MEREDITH  
AP Sports Writer

SILVIS, Ill. (AP) — Jordan Spieth made it a lot tougher on himself than it needed to be.

In the end, Spieth got exactly what he was looking for from the John Deere Classic: a win and some positive energy ahead of the British Open.

Spieth beat Tom Gillis on the second hole of a playoff to win at TPC Deere Run on Sunday for his fourth victory of the season.

Gillis and Spieth, who opened the tournament with an even-par 71, finished the final round at 20-under 264. Zach Johnson and Danny Lee tied for third at 19 under.

"To be able to shoot 20-under in three rounds is nice momentum," Spieth said.

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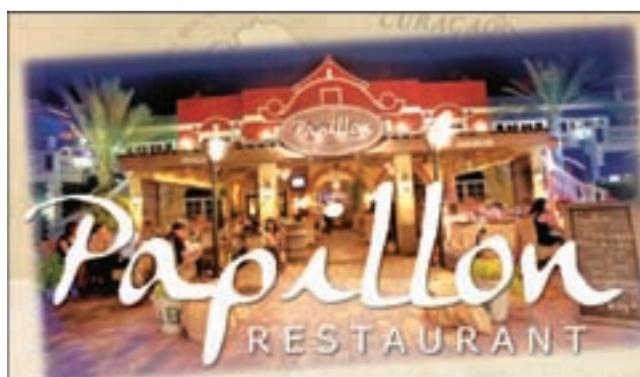
# A CHARM



## Djokovic wins third Wimbledon crown

Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates winning the men's singles final against Roger Federer of Switzerland at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Sunday July 12, 2015. Djokovic won the match 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

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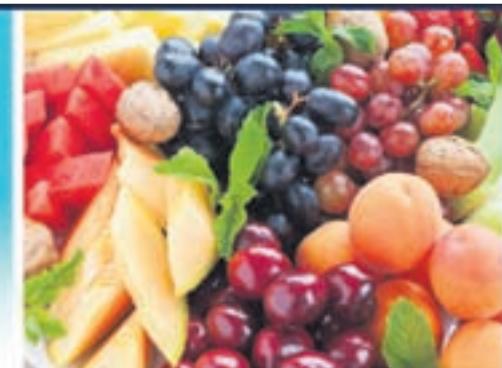


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## South Korea's In Gee Chun wins U.S. Women's Open

BOB LENTZ

Associated Press

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) —

South Korea's In Gee Chun birdied four of the last seven holes to rally for a one-stroke victory at the U.S. Women's Open on Sunday.

The 20-year old Chun shot a 4-under 66 in the final round and finished at 8 under, becoming the first player to win her U.S. Open debut since Birdie Kim in 2005. It was her fifth victory this year.

Third-round leader Amy Yang struggled in the middle of her round and then pulled within one by going eagle-birdie at Nos. 16 and 17. But she bogeyed the 18th and fell a stroke short.

Playing in the final group on the last day of the championship for the third time in four years, Yang squandered a three-stroke lead and settled for a 1-over 71 and second at 273.



South Korea's In Gee Chun holds up the championship trophy after winning the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Lancaster Country Club, Sunday, July 12, 2015 in Lancaster, Pa.

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Two-time champion and top-ranked Inbee Park (67) overcame putting woes and rallied late, tying for third with Stacy Lewis (70) at 5-under 275.

Defending champion Michelle Wie battled hip and leg injuries and limped in with an even-par 70, placing 11th at 2-under

278.

With most of the focus on the final pairing of Yang and Lewis, Chun, playing a group ahead, quietly picked up strokes on the leaders.

At 4 under heading into the final round at Lancaster Country Club, Chun picked up two strokes on the front nine, closing within two of the lead.

She got within a stroke with a birdie at the 12th, and then rolled in a nine-foot putt at No. 15 for the first of three straight birdies. She moved into the lead with a birdie at 16 as Yang and Lewis struggled. She added another birdie at the 17th to stretch her lead to two strokes.

At the troublesome 421-yard, uphill closing hole, Chun drove into the rough, chipped short and went on to make bogey, falling into a tie for the lead with Yang, who birdied 17.

But Yang failed again in her bid to claim the biggest

prize in women's golf. She also drove into the rough at the last hole, chipped short of the green and failed to get up-and-down for par, giving Chun the win.

Lewis' bid for her first U.S. Open title was foiled by a pair of double-bogeys, with the most costly one coming at 15, a hole after she had moved into a tie for the lead. At the 15th, she drove into the rough, hit her second shot through the fairway, and then dumped her third shot into a greenside bunker before taking a 6 and falling out of contention.

Park had three birdies on the back nine. Within two shots of the lead through 16 holes, the putting woes that dogged the 2008 and 2013 winner returned and her bid ended with a three-putt bogey at the 17th.

Wie grimaced in pain throughout the round. The nagging left hip and leg issues that have made this a forgettable season for

the 25-year-old four-time LPGA Tour winner seemed to intensify in the final round.

Wie repeatedly cringed and tried to take weight off her right side after drives. Her final round did have one highlight, with her drive at the 234-yard, par-4 16th hitting the flagstick before she rolled in the short eagle putt.

Megan Khang was the championship's low amateur. The 17-year-old from Rockland, Massachusetts, closed with a 1-over 71 and finished at 5-over 285. She bested Mariel Galdiano, a 17-year-old from Hawaii, by a stroke.

Fan favorite Laura Davies, who is to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame at St. Andrews on Monday, closed with her worst round of the championship, a 5-over 75. The 1987 champion, who was the oldest player in the field at 51, finished at 7-over 287. □



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## John Deere

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"The finish, when I really didn't feel like tee to green I had much (Sunday), gives me a lot of momentum to draw on if I don't have my best stuff."

The 46-year-old Gillis, who was attempting to become the oldest first-time winner on the PGA Tour in 20 years, sent an approach into the water. Spieth made par for his second win at this tournament in three years.

Now Spieth heads to the British Open in search of his third consecutive major championship.

Spieth is the first golfer to win four times before the Open Championship since Tiger Woods in 2000 — and he silenced many of the critics who questioned why he played this tournament instead of heading overseas early to prepare for St. Andrews.

"I really didn't care anyways. I came here for a reason, and we accomplished that reason," Spieth said. After shooting a career-best 10 under on Saturday, Spieth entered the final round with a two-shot lead. But the field caught up to Spieth when he turned in a pedestrian front nine. Spieth bogeyed two of his first three holes and was soon passed by the likes of Gillis and Johnson. Spieth was even at the turn and two shots back of Gillis, who in 171 previous PGA Tour starts had only finished in the top three twice.

Spieth's low point was a

Jordan Spieth poses with the John Deere Classic trophy after winning the tournament by defeating Tom Gillis on the second playoff hole Sunday, July 12, 2015, in Silvis, Ill.

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bogey on the par-4 11th hole after a putt from the fringe went left.

But Gillis played his final six holes at even par. Spieth roared back into contention with four birdies in five holes, including a 21-foot chip from the fringe on No. 16. Spieth had a 30-foot putt for the win on No. 18, but he pushed it left. He nearly won on the first hole of the playoff, but his 33-foot try lipped out.

Even though Spieth ultimately outlasted the field, he knows he has some work to do — specifically with his driver, which abandoned him at times this weekend — if he hopes to make it three majors in a row.

"I need to fine tune my driver. I love where my putter is at. My pace control, my speed is awesome right now," Spieth said.

Gillis matched Spieth with a par on the first hole in sudden death. But a tee shot that went into the rough led to a shot in the water, effectively ending his bid for an elusive victory.

Gillis shot a 7-under 64 in the final round.

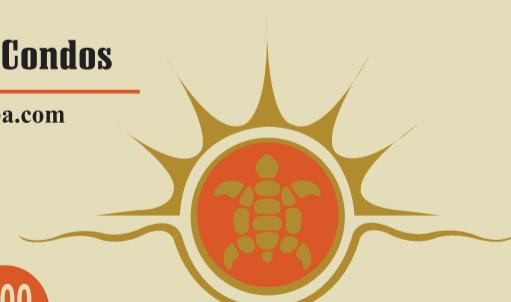
"When you're going to be 47, the window is closing," Gillis said. "What I saw (Sunday) and the last three days, I'd have to say makes me think I've still got some tread on the tires left." □



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Novak Djokovic of Serbia holds the trophy after winning the men's singles final against Roger Federer of Switzerland at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Sunday July 12, 2015. Djokovic won the match 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

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HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer  
LONDON (AP) — A game

away from a third Wimbledon championship and ninth Grand Slam title, No-

## Djokovic beats Federer for 3<sup>rd</sup> Wimbledon title, 9th major

vak Djokovic sized up a 108 mph serve from none other than Roger Federer and stretched to smack a cross-court forehand return winner. Two points later, Djokovic again took the measure of a serve from Federer, this one at 123 mph, and delivered a down-the-line backhand for another return winner. After this one, Djokovic bellowed.

"I roared because I felt like that's the moment," Djokovic would say later. "Now is the time for me to

close this match out." One forehand winner later, he did. For the second year in a row, Djokovic solved Federer's superb serve in the final at the All England Club. And for the second year in a row, Federer's bid for a record eighth championship at the grass-court tournament ended with a defeat against Djokovic.

This time, the match was even as can be through two sets, before the No. 1-seeded Djokovic grabbed ahold of it and wouldn't let go, beating No. 2 Federer 7-6 (1), 6-7 (10), 6-4, 6-3 Sunday thanks to brilliant returning.

"It feels, obviously, good when you make a return winner out of Roger's serve on the grass," Djokovic said, "but it doesn't happen too often." Over the past three seasons, Federer has reached two Grand Slam finals — both at Wimbledon, both against Djokovic, both losses. "You sort of walk away empty-handed. For me, a finalist trophy is not the same," a grim-faced Federer said. "Everybody knows that."

At Wimbledon in 2014, Federer won 88 of 89 service games through the semifinals, then was broken four times by Djokovic during the five-set final.

This fortnight, Federer won 89 of 90 service games entering the final, then again was broken four times.

"It takes a little bit of everything: recognizing the moment, having the good intuition, following your instincts of where the serve is going to go, being in the right

balance," Djokovic said. "I mean, it's not that easy, especially with Roger's precision and accuracy."

Djokovic's serve was stout, too: He saved six of seven break points. On a windy afternoon, Federer was simply not the same height-of-his-powers player who defeated Andy Murray in the semifinals. Pressured by Djokovic's body-twisting ability to extend points, Federer committed 35 unforced errors; Djokovic made 16.

Federer and Djokovic have played 40 times; each has won 20.

"Novak played not only great today," said Federer, 33, the oldest Wimbledon finalist since 1974, "but the whole two weeks, plus the whole year, plus last year, plus the year before that." Federer might very well be the greatest of all time, as some say, but right now, the best in the men's game is Djokovic.

He won the Australian Open in January, then was the runner-up at the French Open last month, denying him a career Grand Slam. Go further back, and Djokovic has reached 15 of the past 20 major finals, winning eight.

Still, most spectators were pulling for Federer. So quiet between points that pre-serve ball bounces could be heard, the crowd voiced a collective "awwww" of lament after a fault by Federer or a mid-point "ooooh" of excitement when he conjured up something exquisite.□

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## Tour leader Froome confident heading to Pyrenees mountains

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

PLUMELEC, France (AP) —

Race leader Chris Froome heads to the first mountain stages of the Tour de France in confident mood

higher than fifth at the Tour, but is so far riding like a contender.

"Those guys have that tag of 'Fab Four' which is getting a bit irritating," Van Garderen said. "All

minute, 3 seconds behind Froome — while Quintana is 1:59 behind in ninth and Nibali sits 2:22 behind in 13th spot.

"It's one thing not to lose any time to your rivals but

featuring two Cat. 1 climbs and an HC up Plateau de Beille to top things off.

Froome has identified Van

Garderen, second behind him at last month's Critérium du Dauphiné race, as his main Tour rival. □



Britain's Christopher Froome, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, rides to take a second place in the ninth stage of the Tour de France cycling race, a team time-trial over 28 kilometers (17.4 miles) with start in Vannes and finish in Plumelec, France, Sunday, July 12, 2015.

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— and with an unexpected main rival. The British rider, seeking his second Tour win after his dominant victory in 2013, safely kept the yellow jersey after his Team SKY finished one second behind American rider Tejay Van Garderen's BMC in Sunday's team time trial, the ninth stage of a crash-marred race.

Van Garderen is 12 seconds behind Froome in second place, putting him ahead of Nairo Quintana of Colombia, the 2013 Tour runner-up and the Giro d'Italia winner in 2014, as well as two-time Tour winner Alberto Contador of Spain and defending Tour champion Vincenzo Nibali of Italy.

The 26-year-old Van Garderen has never finished

those guys in the top four have won Grand Tours ... It doesn't mean I'm intimidated by them ... I'm not afraid to beat them."

The most disappointing of the 'Fab Four' has so far been Nibali, who cracked in a short climb at the end of Saturday's eighth stage and lost more time in Sunday's TTT when his Astana team finished fifth, behind Contador's Tinkoff-Saxo and Quintana's Movistar. "I thought (Nibali) was going to be the one guy from the main contenders who would gain time in this first phase of the race," the 30-year-old Froome said. "I am surprised."

Contador, who entered the Tour on the back of his second Giro d'Italia win and seventh Grand Tour title, is in fifth place — 1

it's another to gain time on them," Froome said. "The pressure's certainly not on my shoulders."

Following Monday's rest day, Tuesday's 10th stage snakes up the Pyrenees mountains.

There is only one significant climb, right at the end. But it is a notable one — 15.3 kilometers (9.5 miles) up La Pierre-Saint-Martin, a mountain resort hosting a stage for the first time. The ascent is classed as Hors Categorie (Beyond Classification) — the rating given to the toughest climbs.

Wednesday's 11th stage features a climb up the Category 1 Col d'Aspin and then an HC trek up Col du Tourmalet, a famed Tour climb.

A few riders might crack on Thursday's 12th stage:

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## MLB teams increase international spending, seeking edge

RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — For all the talk about big-money contracts for major leaguers, the New York Yankees spent nearly \$18.1 million on international amateurs during the last signing period.

"All of our top guys really felt that this crop of young kids was the best they've seen in years and years and years, so we went out and we grabbed seven of the top 10 or 11 guys," owner Hal Steinbrenner said. "For that kind of money, I guess if one or two of them works out, you made the right decision."

And it's not just the Yankees. Boston spent more than \$38 million, Arizona topped \$10 million and the Los Angeles Angels were just below \$9.7 million. And they all incurred hefty tax bills for their global splurging.

In all, the 30 clubs committed \$160 million to 801 international amateurs from July 2 last year through June 15, up from \$95 mil-



World's Nomar Mazara hits a single during the fifth inning of the All-Star Futures baseball game against Team United States, Sunday, July 12, 2015, in Cincinnati.

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lion in the 2013-14 signing season, according to Major League Baseball. And just this month, the Los Angeles Dodgers gave a \$16 million signing bonus to 19-year-old Cuban right-hander Yadier Alvarez.

Teams hope they will follow the path of players already in the higher levels of the minor leagues. Among

the international prospects on display at Sunday's All-Futures Game were Texas outfielder Nomar Mazara (\$4.95 million signing bonus), New York Yankees catcher Gary Sanchez (\$3 million) and Kansas City infielders Raul Mondesi (\$2 million) and Chelsor Cuthbert (\$1.35 million).

"They are looking all over

draft in bargaining for the labor contract that replaces the current deal, which expires in December 2016. "Unfortunately, I think that the increased flow of talent from Cuba has stressed that system, and it hasn't done as well in response to that stress," Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "It hasn't quite worked the way that we thought it would."

More than one in four players on big league opening day rosters, 26.5 percent, was born outside the 50 states, according to the commissioner's office, and the most came from the Dominican Republic (83), Venezuela (65), Cuba (18) and Puerto Rico (13).

Among players with minor league contracts, the figure rises to nearly half, 48.8 percent.

Cuthbert, who made his big league debut Tuesday, signed with the Royals in 2009 when he was 16. He said the Royals arranged English classes for his first two years, with one-hour sessions two-to-three times a week.

"Right now they're doing such a good job of making Latin players learn English, and I think that's something that really helps Latin players," he said. "I can talk to people. Ordering food and stuff like that. That helped me a lot."

While U.S. players are subject to a draft, limiting their option to one team, international players have all 30 organizations to choose from.

Cuthbert said he picked the Royals because he and his family had a great relationship with Orlando Estevez, Kansas City's coordinator of Latin American scouting, and Juan Lopez, the Royals' Nicaragua scout. □



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AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Deepak Jayasimha's fitness tracker is now with his father-in-law in India, where it sits unused. Annabel Kelly foisted hers off on the kids. Virginia Atkinson took hers off to charge the battery and hasn't picked it up since February.

Although sales of Fitbit and other fitness trackers are strong, many of their owners lose enthusiasm for them once the novelty of knowing how many steps they've taken wears off. One research firm, Endeavour Partners, estimates that about a third of these trackers get abandoned after six months. A health care investment fund, Rock Health, says Fitbit's regulatory filings suggest that only half of Fitbit's nearly 20 million registered users were still active as of the first quarter of 2015.

"The question for investors is how long the market will continue to grow at this rate, and whether Fitbit can execute on growing engagement before ... the number of devices sold per year reaches saturation," Malay Gandhi, a managing director at Rock Health, wrote on a blog.

Abandonment affects all manufacturers of fitness trackers, which are relatively cheap at about \$100 and are commonly given as gifts. Fitbit gets the spotlight because it started trading publicly last month and has 76 percent of the U.S. market share by revenue, up from 64 percent a year earlier, according to the NPD Group.

Investors and analysts are bullish on Fitbit's prospects. Its stock value has more than doubled since the initial public offering. Analyst William Power at Baird Eq-



In this Dec. 15, 2014, file photo, fitness trackers, from left, Basis Peak, Adidas Fit Smart, Fitbit Charge, Sony SmartBand, and Jawbone Move, are posed for a photo next to an iPhone, in New York. Although sales of fitness trackers are strong, many of their owners lose enthusiasm for them once the novelty wears off.

Associated Press

uity Research said Fitbit had room to grow worldwide, as only a quarter of its revenue came from outside the U.S. last year. Power also wrote that Fitbits remain popular among employers and insurance companies looking for ways to keep people healthy. Fitbit is also profitable, earning \$132 million last year on revenue of \$745 million.

The company's market valuation of \$8.7 billion is high compared with earnings so far, which could point to enormous growth potential — or simply overvaluation. Fitbit now has competition from Apple Watch and other smartwatches that do what fitness trackers do and more, such as showing news updates and boarding passes for flights.

In a statement, Fitbit said it intends to remain a market leader through new features and services to boost user engagement and revenue. The company said it keeps users motivated by offering ways to compete

with friends and family and awarding virtual badges for hitting fitness milestones. Fitbit added that people who regularly use their devices make healthier choices. The statement didn't address Fitbit owners who've stopped using the device. If people aren't using their trackers, they won't recommend them to friends and family or upgrade when a new model comes out, said Dan Ledger, who tracks wearable devices at Endeavour Partners. They also won't pay for premium subscription packages, a potential growth area for Fitbit.

Jayasimha, a New Yorker who walks three to four miles a day, said his Jawbone Up stopped giving him information he didn't already know. After it stopped working one day, he didn't bother getting it fixed for months. Even then, he never used it again. His wife used it for two weeks before sending it off overseas to her dad, who has

yet to use it.

"I was just carrying through with the motion," Jayasimha said. "For someone who is not physically active, I think it will be useful. But once you get to a state where you are happy with the activities you do, it loses its efficacy."

With smartphones, tablets and game consoles, IDC analyst Ramon Llamas said, you can download a new app or game to give them new life.

That's not to say all of these trackers get abandoned.

— Eric Leverett, 52, a production manager in Birmingham, Alabama, got a Fitbit Charge as a gift and engages in a friendly competition with his 82-year-old dad on who walks more. Though the initial excitement has worn off, he said, wearing the Fitbit encourages him to walk the dog more often and shun the golf cart while playing a round.

— Shari Winston, a high school counselor in Falls

Church, Virginia, credits her Fitbit Flex with getting her to exercise regularly. She considered devices that do more, but she's sticking with the Fitbit for now for its simplicity.

It comes down to expectations. Atkinson, a writer in Adrian, Michigan, was expecting a cheerleader but found monotony. She likened her Fitbit Flex to gyms people join as part of New Year's resolutions, but drop out of by February or March. Except in her case, she still goes to the gym.

Kelly, a researcher in New Canaan, Connecticut, won two Activite Pops from Withings at a conference. She wore it for a day and got frustrated that she wasn't credited for cross-training at the gym. She made her 5- and 7-year-old daughters wear them to make sure they were getting exercise. (Unlike Kelly, the kids didn't have a choice.)

Withings CEO Cedric Hutchings said the company tried to design a device that was primarily a watch, so people will want to wear it regardless of its tracking capabilities. Withings is also gradually adding functionality, such as swimming through a recent software update.

Simply selling hardware would be a failure, Hutchings said, if people don't use it.

In a statement, Jawbone didn't directly address product abandonment, but said it sees "high levels of user engagement," given that the more time one spends with it, the more data Jawbone has to offer personalized coaching and guidance.

Makers of fitness trackers are already thinking ahead with higher-end models at double the price. □

# Reddit interim CEO Pao resigns; Huffman regains CEO title

**MARLEY JAY**  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Reddit said this weekend that interim CEO Ellen Pao resigned from the company, and co-founder Steve Huffman is back as its CEO. The freewheeling online discussion forum and news site, which says it had 164 million unique visitors last month, has been rocked by unrest recently. The firing of a popular staffer earlier this month upset some users, leading to volunteers shutting down parts of the site, and there have been protests over new policies

community and said some of the things Reddit users wrote about Pao were "sickening."

"Disagreements are fine. Death threats are not, are not covered under free speech, and will continue to get offending users banned," Altman wrote. In an email, Pao said she resigned because Reddit's board was asking for faster user growth than she could deliver while holding on to the site's core values. She defended Reddit's policy changes, saying that despite criticism, the new rules are making the com-

This month Reddit fired Victoria Taylor, who helped run the site's popular "Ask Me Anything" feature, where Reddit users submit questions to celebrities and other notable people. President Barack Obama, for example, has answered questions on that forum. Some volunteer moderators protested her ouster by shutting down sections of the site, including Ask Me Anything. Reddit also announced anti-harassment guidelines this year and in June it banned a few groups for violating those rules. Reddit



Ellen Pao, center, with her attorney, Therese Lawless, left, leaves the Civic Center Courthouse during her trial in San Francisco. Reddit said this weekend that interim CEO Pao resigned from the company, and co-founder Steve Huffman is back as its CEO. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

intended to fight harassment.

A statement posted on Reddit by Reddit board member Sam Altman Friday said that Pao, who became interim CEO in November, resigned from Reddit by mutual agreement and will continue to advise the board for the rest of 2015.

Altman acknowledged that Reddit moderators should have better tools and communication from the company, but took some users to task for the nature of their comments about Pao.

He said Reddit accepts disagreements, but said the site must exercise compassion if it wants to be a great

munity stronger.

"We've taken bold and often controversial stances, but always with the greater good of the community in mind," she said. "We tackled the thorny issues of harassment on the site, banning harassing behavior without censoring ideas. Though we came under fire on many fronts, we did not waver, working 24/7 to try to keep the site harassment-free."

In a statement posted to Reddit, Pao thanks users who were supportive, saying the positives from the site far outweighed the negatives, and she urged Redditors to "remember the human" behind the keyboard.

is known for an almost-anything goes style, but leadership said in May that it was unhappy with harassment on its site and survey data showed its users were also upset about the behavior. The company apologized and said it would do a better job of communicating with moderators and users. Early this year Reddit said it would remove photos, videos or links that featured explicit content if the person in the image didn't give permission for it to be posted. That came months after hackers obtained nude photos of Jennifer Lawrence and other celebrities and posted them to Reddit, among other social media sites. □

## Silicon Valley company starts to take court disputes online

**S. THANAWALA**

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Imagine working out a divorce without hiring an attorney or stepping into court. A Silicon Valley company is starting to make such a possibility a reality with software that experts say represents the next wave of technology in which the law is turned into computer code that can solve legal battles without the need for a judge or attorney.

"We're not quite at the Google car stage in law, but there are no conceptual or technical barriers to what we're talking about," said Oliver Goodenough, director of the Center for Legal Innovation at Vermont Law School, referring to Google's self-driving car.

The computer programs, at least initially, have the ability to relieve overburdened courts of small claims cases, traffic fines and some family law matters. But Goodenough and other experts envision a future in which even more complicated disputes are resolved online, and they say San Jose, California-based Modria has gone far in developing software to realize that.

"There is a version of the future when computers get so good that we trust them to play this role in our society, and it lets us get justice to more people because it's cheaper and more transparent," said Colin Rule, Modria's co-founder. Officials in Ohio are using Modria's software to resolve disputes over tax assessments and keep them out of court, and a New York-based arbitration association has deployed it to settle medical claims arising from certain types of car crashes.

In the Netherlands, Modria software is being used to guide people through their divorces.

The program walks couples through more than two dozen questions, including how they want to co-parent any children they have. It suggests values for spousal support and notes areas of agreement. A second module allows them to negotiate areas of disagreement. If they reach a resolution, they can print up divorce papers that are then reviewed by an attorney to make sure neither side is giving away too much before they are filed in court.

Hundreds of couples have gone through the system since it launched in February, said Larry Friedberg, Modria's chief marketing officer.

Modria's founders initially developed their software to help eBay and PayPal solve customer complaints about damaged goods or late deliveries without employing teams of customer service representatives. At eBay, Rule said his system was resolving 60 million disputes a year.

He co-founded Modria in 2011. Although the company's focus is on selling its technology to e-commerce businesses, Rule said he is passionate about deploying it to courts. "I can build great tools that represent the cutting edge of technology and extend it into the legal sector where none of that expertise resides," he said.

A Michigan company, Court Innovations, is using similar technology to resolve traffic disputes. In four court districts in the state, people ticketed on suspicion of running a red light or speeding can go online and provide an explanation in hopes of getting the ticket thrown out or a lower fine. Prosecutors review the information and make a decision that can be transmitted electronically to the alleged scofflaw for acceptance or rejection, said MJ Cartwright, the company's CEO. The system has had more than 800 users so far, almost all of whom have resolved their cases online, she said.

"When you're online, there's a lot you don't know about that person such as their race and other things that can cloud the decision-making process," she said. □

# China's underground banks spread pain as defaults rise

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AP Business Writer

**BEIJING (AP)** — Fan Xiaolin, an engineer in Changsha in central China, thought he was safe when he deposited his family's savings of 800,000 yuan (\$130,000) in a private finance company he said was recommended by employees of state-owned Bank of China. The company, part of an informal industry of lenders and investment manag-

ates with little government oversight are suffering painful losses as borrowers default and real estate and other ventures fail.

Beijing allowed underground finance to flourish over the past decade to support entrepreneurs who generate jobs and wealth but get little credit from state banks. Communist leaders reaped the benefits of a thriving private sector without tackling the po-

driven repeated bouts of boom-and-bust speculation in real estate and other assets. It propelled the flood of money from novice investors that fueled this year's explosive rise of Chinese stock prices, which peaked in June and have plunged since then. One portion of informal finance is allowed by Chinese law: small loans from individuals to entrepreneurs. For a fee, brokers

ees of Bank of China and another state-owned lender, Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd., or ICBC, highlight the tangled connections between the two sides. "I went to deposit money in the bank and the bank manager recommended this to me," said an ICBC customer, Sheng Weimin, a 48-year-old engineer for an aviation company. He put 100,000 yuan (\$16,000) into

authorities as saying the company was not authorized to do so.

Bank employees were paid a 2 percent bonus for selling the investments, Xinhua said.

Where that money went is unclear. Bofeng's website says the company is an investor and asset manager. But the Web portal Sina.com reported it also traded stocks and made high-interest loans to real estate and other businesses.

Strains on the industry worsened as growth in the world's second-largest economy tumbled to a two-decade low of 7.4 percent last year, barely half of 2007's high of 14.2 percent. It is due to decline further as communist leaders try to steer China toward self-sustaining growth based on domestic consumption, replacing a worn-out model driven by exports and investment.

Two farmers killed themselves after losing their savings in a failed finance company in rural Xiping County in the central province of Henan, according to the Beijing Times newspaper. It said the chairman of Haochen Investment Guarantee Co. was detained while police investigate possible "illegal fundraising."

Such a charge can be applied to an individual who receives more than 200,000 yuan (\$32,000) of informal loans or causes losses to lenders of 100,000 yuan (\$16,000), according to a 2013 document issued by

China's supreme court. Enterprises can face charges if they receive 1 million yuan (\$160,000) or cause losses of 2.5 million yuan (\$400,000).

Depositors in Bofeng said they heard the founder, Deng Lin, was detained by police but they have yet to receive word on its status.

An employee of the Changsha city government propaganda office, who would give only his surname, Fang, confirmed police are investigating Bofeng but declined to give other details. He said investors would be informed once the investigation is completed. □



Protestors angry about failed investments with Hunan Bofeng Asset Management Ltd. demonstrate outside of a branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) in Changsha in southern China's Hunan province. Thousands of Chinese savers who entrusted money to an informal finance industry that operates with little government oversight are suffering painful losses as borrowers default and real estate and other ventures fail. The sign at lower center reads, "ICBC and Bank of China are cheater banks. They sell fraudulent products that take ordinary people's hard-earned money," and the sign at upper center calls for the removal of an official. (Chinatopix Via AP)

ers that operates outside China's state-run banking system, collapsed six months later as economic growth slowed and businesses struggled. Today, Fan said he and about 100 other depositors in Hunan Bofeng Asset Management Ltd. protest several times each week outside state banks and government offices, demanding their money back.

"The security people at the bank hit us," said Fan, 50. "The police ask us to go home and wait."

Thousands of Chinese savers like Fan who entrusted money to an informal finance industry that oper-

litical challenge of giving entrepreneurs more access to an official financial system supports government companies.

Now, as losses rise, Beijing faces political tension and pressure to help investors recover their money.

"Many investors don't realize the risk until something goes wrong," said Guo Tianyong, director of the Banking Research Center at Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing.

The industry's popularity reflects the Chinese public's urgent search for an alternative to low interest paid by banks, which has

put borrowers in touch with small savers. They provided trillions of yuan (hundreds of billions of dollars) that supported the growth of Chinese private business.

The status of other activities is murkier. Some entities operating under names such as "investment guarantee fund" act like banks, raising money from depositors to lend, invest or speculate in stocks or gold. They promise two times or more the interest paid by banks.

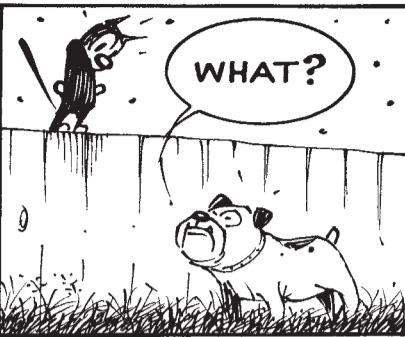
Regulators have tried to keep official banks separate from the underground industry, but complaints in Changsha that Bofeng was recommended by employ-

Bofeng in January 2014. Fan, the engineer, said he got similar advice at Bank of China to put money into one-year Bofeng contracts that promised 7 percent annual interest — double the rate at state banks.

"There was no talk about risk," said Fan, who earns 4,000 yuan (\$625) per month. "The counter staff at Bank of China said anybody who still uses certificates of deposit is a fool."

Bofeng raised 400 to 500 million yuan (\$65 million to \$80 million) by selling "trust products" to several hundred investors, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. It cited local au-

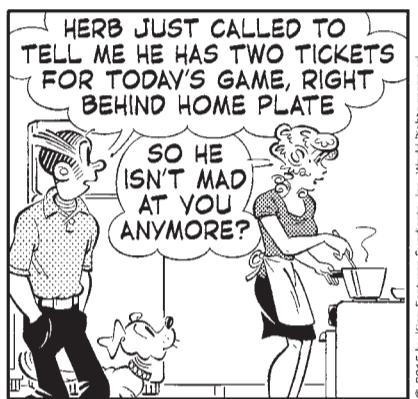
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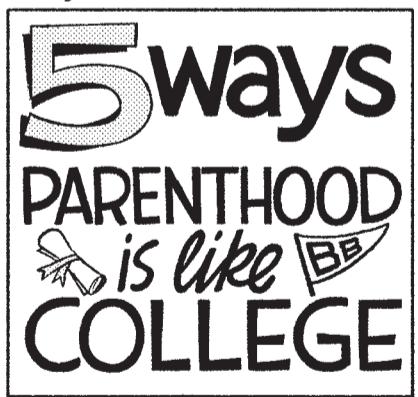
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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## US soldiers

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Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board does not track claim types and could not provide the number of claims made by American soldiers, spokesman Robert Gervais said. He said each case is decided on its merits.

Robidoux estimated the number of claims filed at 45. She said about two dozen soldiers remain in the country while appealing decisions or pursuing other action. One of them, Rodney Watson, has sought sanctuary in a Vancouver church for nearly six years in an effort to avoid a second tour in Iraq.

Both Watson and Hart spoke out publicly against the war after arriving in Canada, and Hart believes his longer prison sentence was a direct result. Prosecutors sealed their desertion case against him with clips from anti-war rallies that captured him saying he had no plans to return.

Hart finally did, he said, after deciding with his wife, Jill, that it would be best for their son, now 13, to leave Canada on their own terms.

"We had kind of run the course of legal action to stay there, so we were pretty much just sitting there waiting for a deportation order to come down," said Hart, who was released from the prison complex at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 2013 after serving 15 months.

Hart left his Fort Campbell, Kentucky, base in 2005, a month before he was to be sent to Iraq and after serving nearly a year in Kuwait in 2003. He now lives in Florida and is pursuing a nursing degree, helped by the G.I. Bill. □

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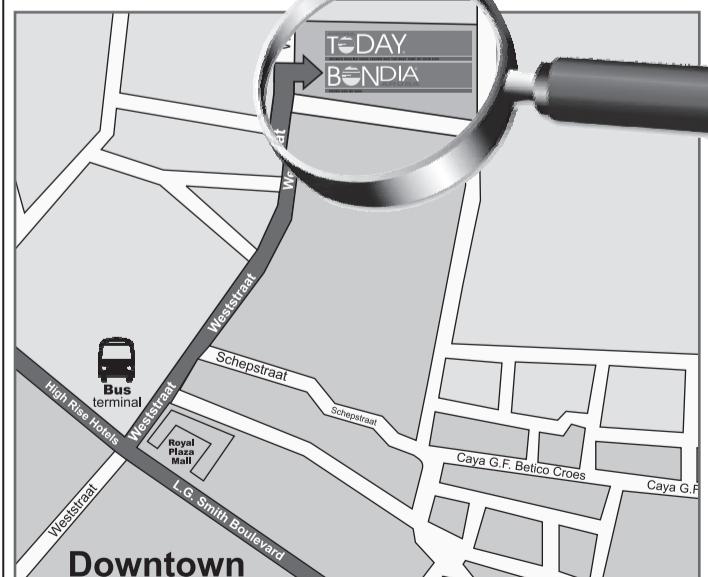
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## It's show time for Pluto; prepare to be amazed

MARICA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — Pluto, reveal thyself, and Earthlings, enjoy the show.

On Tuesday, NASA's New Horizons spacecraft will sweep past Pluto and present the previously unexplored world in all its icy glory.

It promises to be the biggest planetary unveiling in a quarter-century. The curtain hasn't been pulled back like this since NASA's Voyager 2 shed light on Neptune in 1989.

Now it's little Pluto's turn to shine way out on the frigid fringes of our solar system. New Horizons has traveled 3 billion miles (4.8 billion kilometers) over 9½ years to get to this historic point. The fastest spacecraft ever launched, it carries the most powerful suite of science instruments ever sent on a scouting and reconnaissance mission of a new, unfamiliar world.

Guarantees principal scientist Alan Stern, "We're going to knock your socks off."

The size of a baby grand piano, the spacecraft will come closest to Pluto on Tuesday morning — at 7:49 a.m. EDT (1149 GMT). That's when New Horizons is predicted to pass within 7,767 miles (12,500 kilometers) of Pluto. Fourteen minutes later, the spacecraft will zoom within 17,931 miles



**This July 11, 2015, image provided by NASA shows Pluto from the New Horizons spacecraft. On Tuesday, July 14, NASA's New Horizons spacecraft will come closest to Pluto. New Horizons has traveled 3 billion miles over 9½ years to get to the historic point.**

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(28,856 kilometers) of Charon, Pluto's jumbo moon. It will be cause to celebrate for those gathered at the operations center at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland. The lab designed and built the spacecraft for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and has been managing its round-about route through the solar system.

"What NASA's doing with New Horizons is unprecedented in our time ... the last picture show, for a very, very long time," says Stern, a planetary scientist with the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

It is the last stop in NASA's quest to explore every planet in our solar system, starting with Venus in 1962. And in a cosmic coinci-

dence, the Pluto visit falls on the 50th anniversary of the first-ever flyby of Mars, by Mariner 4. Yes, we all know Pluto is no longer an official planet, merely a dwarf, but it still enjoyed full planet status when New Horizons rocketed from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Jan. 19, 2006. Pluto's demotion came just seven months later, a sore subject still for many.

The sneak peeks of Pluto in recent weeks are getting "juicier and juicier," says Johns Hopkins project scientist Hal Weaver. "The science team is just drooling over these pictures."

The Hubble Space Telescope previously captured the best pictures of Pluto. If the pixelated blobs of pictures had been of Earth, though, not even the continents would have been visible.

The New Horizons team is turning "a point of light into a planet," Stern says.

An image released last week shows a copper-colored Pluto bearing a large, bright spot in the shape of a heart.

Scientists expect image resolution to improve dramatically by Tuesday.

New Horizons, weighing less than 1,000 pounds (450 kilograms) including fuel, has seven instruments that will be going full force during the encounter. It's expected to collect 5,000 times as much data, for instance, as Mariner 4.

"We're going to rewrite the book," Weaver says. "This is it — this is our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see it." The team gets one crack at this.

"We're trying to hit a very small box, relatively speaking," says Mark Holdridge, the encounter mission manager. "It's 60 by 90 miles (96.5 by 145 kilometers), and we're going 30,000 mph (48,000 kph), and we're trying to hit that box within a plus or minus 100 seconds."

The only planet in our solar system discovered by an American, Pluto actually is a mini solar system unto itself. Pluto — just two-thirds the size of our own moon — has big moon Charon that's just over half its size, as well as baby moons Styx, Nix, Hydra, Kerberos and Styx. The names are associ-

ated with the underworld in which the mythological god, Pluto, reigned. New Horizons will observe each known moon and keep a lookout for more.

Scientists involved in the \$700 million effort want to get a good look at Pluto and Charon, and get a handle on their surfaces and chemical composition. They also plan to measure the temperature and pressure in Pluto's nitrogen-rich atmosphere and determine how much gas is escaping into space. Temperatures can plunge to nearly minus-400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bill McKinnon, a New Horizons team member from Washington University in St. Louis, expects to see craters and possible volcanic remnants. A liquid ocean and a rocky core may lie beneath the icy shell.

"Anybody who thinks that when we go to Pluto, we're going to find cold, dead ice balls is in for a rude shock," McKinnon says. "I'm really hoping to see a very active and dynamic world."

Pluto has tantalized astronomers since its 1930 discovery by Clyde Tombaugh using the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. Some of Tombaugh's ashes are aboard New Horizons. His two children, now in their 70s, plan to be at Johns Hopkins for the encounter. □

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## Universal's 'Minions' swarms box office with \$115.2M haul

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Universal's "Minions" overran the box office over the weekend as audiences in the U.S. and Canada shelled out an estimated \$115.2 million to see the evil-master-serving horde frolic on the big screen. It was the second-biggest opening ever for an animated film and an easy win for the sidekicks who took the spotlight after playing supporting roles in two previous "Despicable Me" movies. The bright, babbling baldies have become key characters in the franchise from Universal's Illumination Entertainment.

Directed by Peter Cof- fin, who co-directed both "Despicable Me" movies and voices the Minions, the movie easily beat "Ju- rassic World," another Uni- versal picture that grossed \$18.1 million in its fifth weekend after release, according to box office tracker Rentrak.

Disney's "Inside Out" ranked third with \$17.1 mil- lion in its fourth weekend.

"Minions" was a hit over- seas as well, taking the No. 1 spot in 29 of the 30 other countries in which it de-

buted over the weekend, including Mexico, Russia, France and Venezuela. Internationally, the movie has grossed \$280.5 million so far.

"Given that they seek to work for the most evil people on the planet, they give off this incredible happiness," said Duncan Clark, Universal's president of international distribution. "I think the quality they're proving to have is a common denominator appeal across all cultures."

Only DreamWorks Animation's "Shrek The Third" opened to a bigger gross in North America in 2007, with \$121.6 million, ac- cording to Rentrak. "Minions" beat out Disney's "Toy Story 3," which took in \$110.3 million on its open- ing weekend in 2010.

Paul Dergarabedian, Ren- trak's senior media ana- lyst, said the Minions cap- tured most of the buzz among "Despicable Me" fans from the start.

"It's always been about these crazy, irreverent, funny characters," Dergarabedian said.

Other studios have cre- ated successful spinoffs, such as DreamWorks' "Shrek" side story from



In this image released by Universal Pictures, characters, from left, Stuart, Bob, Kevin and Scarlet Overkill, voiced by Sandra Bullock, appear in a scene from the animated feature, "Minions."

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2011, "Puss in Boots." There are also the multi-layered spinoffs in Disney's Marvel universe, including "Ant-Man," which opens next weekend.

"It seems like a foregone conclusion there will be more 'Minions' because of the millions they made," Dergarabedian said.

Universal is planning to unleashing "Despicable Me 3" in the summer of 2017 and plans a gaggle of other

films by Illumination Ent- tainment. Led by founder and CEO Chris Meledan- dri, the animated movie studio has become one of Hollywood's most success- ful.

Ahead of "Minions," Uni- versal showed a trailer from a release for next summer, "The Secret Life of Pets," which explores what pets do when their owners leave them at home unat- tended. It's also planning to release a holiday 2017 version of Dr. Seuss' "Grin- ch."

Universal's domestic distri- bution president, Nicholas Carrou, credits Meledan- dri with creating movies whose outlandish charac- ters are relatable.

"They're very heartwarming, they're very charm- ing. You think of Gru (the

villain from 'Despicable Me') — even a villain has a huge heart. I think we're seeing the results of that in the 'Minions' right now," he said.

Other movies debut- ing in the Top 10 this past week- end were "The Gallows," an ad-libbed high-school horror movie from Blum- house Productions, the creator of the "Paranor- mal Activity" and "Insidi- ous" franchises, and "Self/ less," a sci-fi thriller about a near-death billionaire who transmits himself into a younger body.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian the- aters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international num- bers for Friday through Sun- day are also included. □

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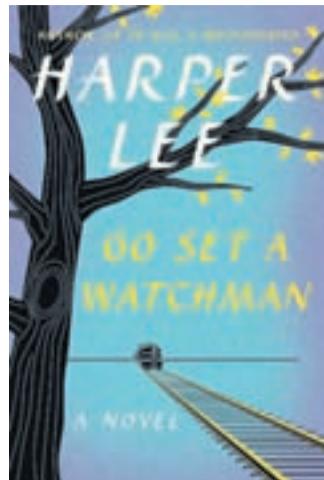


# Harper Lee's new novel is a story of lost innocence

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AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Like her classic "To Kill a Mockingbird," the Harper Lee novel coming out Tuesday is a coming of age story.

And not just for Scout Finch. "Go Set a Watchman" is set in the famous fictional town of Maycomb, Alabama, in the mid-1950s, 20 years after "To Kill a Mockingbird" takes place. Scout Finch, now a grown woman known by her given name Jean Louise, is visiting from New York, unsure of whether to marry a local suitor who she has known since childhood and enduring a painful contrast between her new life and the ways of her hometown. Scout is no longer the tomboy we know from "Mockingbird," but has transformed from an "over-alled, fractious, gun-slinging creature into a reasonable facsimile of a human being." She is "oppressed"



This book cover released by Harper shows "Go Set A Watchman," a follow-up to Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird." The book will be released on July 14.

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by Maycomb, finds it petty and provincial. And she is shaken by the response to Brown v. Board of Education, the landmark Supreme Court decision in 1954 that declared segregation in schools is "inherently unequal."

There is nervous talk of blacks holding public of-

fice, and marrying whites. One prominent resident warns Scout that the court moved too quickly, that blacks aren't ready for full equality and the South has every right to object to interference from the NAACP and others.

"Can you blame the South for resenting being told what to do about its own people by people who have no idea of its daily problems?" he says.

That resident, to the profound dismay of his daughter, and likely to millions of "Mockingbird" readers, is Atticus Finch.

"First Woody Allen, then Bill Cosby, now Atticus Finch," tweeted New Republic senior editor Herr Jeet, responding to early reports about the book. "You can't trust anyone anymore." In "To Kill a Mockingbird," winner of the 1961 Pulitzer Prize, Atticus risks his physical safety to defend a black man accused of

rape. He invokes the Declaration of Independence during the trial and argues for the sanctity of the legal system. Privately, he wonders why "reasonable people go stark raving mad when anything involving a Negro comes up."

"I just hope that Jem and Scout come to me for their answers instead of listening to the town. I hope they trust me enough," he says, referring to Jean Louise and her older brother.

In "Go Set a Watchman," a 72-year-old Atticus laments the Supreme Court ruling and invokes the supposed horrors of Reconstruction as he imagines "state governments run by people who don't know how to run 'em." A tearful Scout tells the man she worshipped growing up: "You're the only person I've ever fully trusted and now I'm done for." Lee's attorney, Tonja Carter, said she discovered the book last year. It has

been called by Amazon.com its most popular pre-order since the last Harry Potter story. Anticipating fierce resistance to the portrayal of Atticus, publisher HarperCollins issued a statement late Friday.

"The question of Atticus's racism is one of the most important and critical elements in this novel, and it should be considered in the context of the book's broader moral themes," the statement reads.

"'Go Set a Watchman' explores racism and changing attitudes in the South during the 1950s in a bold and unflinching way."

Lee is 89, living in an assisted facility in her native Monroeville, Alabama, and has not spoken to the media in decades. In a statement issued in February, when her publisher stunned the world by announcing a second Lee novel was coming, she noted that "Watchman" was the original story. □

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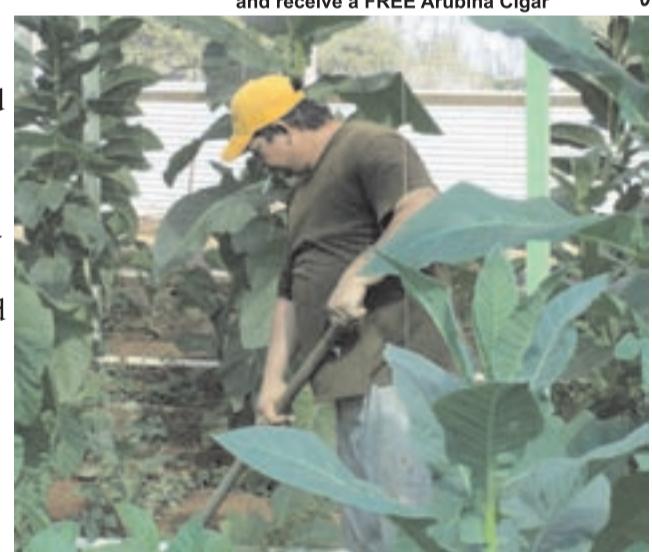
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